

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls April 30-May 3. To receive this information in your inbox, sign up for the RiverCulture Newsletter: <https://www.riverculture.org/newsletter-subscription/>

Thursday, April 30

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-10:45am

Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome!

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OPEN: Food Pantry

Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm

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Nice and Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all.

Thursday, April 30

Silverthorne Theater Play Reading:

The 2018 Handel Society MDP Competition

Shea Theater, 7pm., FREE!

Play by Jeremy Geragotelis. Directed by Cordelia Winter Dwyer. In The 2018 Handel Society MDP Competition, prodigies Cassidy, Vanessa and James meet each other once a year at a high-stakes piano competition, where connection in this rarified environment battles the drive to crush one's opponents at any cost. Part of Silverthorne's 2026 Theater Thursdays reading series, with a talkback to follow. Starring Antigone Brandel-luliano, Rachel F. Hirsch, Aaron Mancaniello, Maya Quinones, Sam Samuels, and Rhiannon Thomas. <https://sheatheater.org/>

Thursday, April 30

Greg Reil

Millers Pub, Millers Falls

7pm. roviding a nice mix of your favorite country, pop, and southern rock covers all done with a nice 90's country feel as well as originals. Requests are always welcomed and encouraged.

Thursday, April 30

7-11 Jesus/Saliba/Yellowbelly/Glasss

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1318619456984373>

Friday, May 1

Drop-In @TNSA

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant. A relaxed weekly gathering focused on spiritual connection, conversation, and quiet reflection. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1637086080659512>

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Lofi Creativity Zone:

Writing and Drawing Hangout

Carnegie Library, 4-5pm. This is a chill, drop-in, no-stress program for anyone who enjoys writing, drawing, or both! Designed for teens and tweens in grades 6-12

May 1-3

Dare to Dream

Ja Duke Theater, Industrial Blvd.

\$12/\$15. Friday + Saturday 6pm. Sunday 2pm

This uplifting show invites young performers to step into the spotlight, celebrate their individuality, and embrace the joy of chasing their biggest dreams. Created especially for our junior students, *Dare to Dream Jr.* is a vibrant, high-energy production filled with catchy songs, fun choreography, and heartfelt moments that highlight the creativity and confidence growing in every young artist. A special highlight of this production is the imaginative and colorful costumes, each uniquely designed and inspired by beloved Disney characters. Every student has their own distinctive costume that reflects their personality and brings an extra layer of magic and whimsy to the stage. <https://www.jaduketheater.com/>

Friday, May 1

David Brule and his Irish Band

Element Brewing, Millers Falls

6-9pm

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You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers

Heartwing Center, 78 Third St., 5-8pm

Join Library Trustees Chair, Will Quale, and Library Director, Caitlin Kelley, in front of the Heartwing Center for a conversation about the new main library project. They'll provide information and answer questions on everything from the design to the cost and community impact. Now is your chance to learn about how your Montague Libraries are serving you. Their future is in your hands.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/961134893107514>

Friday, May 1

Singer-songwriter / pop / rock

Brick House, 24 Third St., 6:30pm

Announcing First Fridays At The Brick House! Curated by Zadie- Belfer-Shevett. ROAD DOGS, CIARRA FRAGALE, WISHBONE ZOË, SALIBA. FREE! Donations split 50/50 between the artists and Brick House.

all ages, substance free. This event is sponsored by a grants from the Montague Cultural Council and RiverCulture. <https://www.facebook.com/events/890430564032675>

Friday May 1

31st EVER Gumball Machine Takeover

Waterway Arts, 5-7pm

“HEAVY hitters in the creative realm...Machine 1 is [@ianisroy](#) who runs the Makers Lab at Brandeis University. He visited the shop last week to 3D scan several objects to turn into valve caps. I am so SO excited about this and can't wait to see what he has developed. Machine 2 is Angela DiVeglia [@divegetables](#), a self-proclaimed non-artist but absolute creative powerhouse. I met Angela in VT while she worked on a puppet show performance for a music fest we were both a part of. She never stops coming up with fun activities to pull off, like a pancake party on an island that only she and a stove could occupy while folks paddled up in canoes. I am in the dark on what will be in the machine but I know it's gonna be very fun and very Angela prize.” Nik

Friday, May 1

First Friday with Woody!

Shea Theater Lobby, \$10/\$15

A lifelong entertainer and lover of a good time, he is best known for his work with his reggae-jam-rock band, "Woody and the Rebel Alliance". His solo performances are a high energy mix of old classics, to obscure covers and the occasional original song.

FIRST FRIDAY TURNERS FALLS MAY 1

<https://www.facebook.com/events/981959654224840>

5/1: DISCOVERY CENTER: 4pm. Tenement Tour! Discover how tenements tested every aspect of the town, from sanitation to wages. Meet at the Center for this 1.5-mile guided walk. Ages 8+

5/1 LOOT: Snacks. 20% off sale store wide!

5/1 SHEA THEATER: First Friday with Woody! \$10/15. 7:30-8:30pm

5/1 HEARTWING CENTER: Q&A about the new library project (see above) 5-8pm

5/1 BRICK HOUSE: Music with Road Dogs, Ciarra Fragale, Wishbone Zoe, Saliba. (see above) 6:30pm.

5/1 WATERWAY ARTS: Gumball machine Takeover hosted by Sadies Bikes. Local Creatives or collectors are asked to fill 200 capsules with prizes available for 50 cents from coin-operated vending machines.

5/1 Dreamhouse and Orla collaboration. Small plates and cocktails. Orla sets up shop on the deck with vintage pieces and curated finds.

5/1 RENDEZVOUS: Drew Paton 6:30pm. Memorable Hits and Love Songs from the 30s right thru to the 80s to Dine and Unwind.

5/1 MUSIC CONNECTION: 5-7pm. Highlighting music from local artists, including the recent debut EP of Worcester-based band Mowesby & The Northern Flicker, The Long and Lonely Wave.

...And get some dinner at Upper Bend, The Rendezvous, Dreamhouse, Great Falls Harvest, CeCes Chinese, Country Creemee, Turners Falls Pizza House, Cucina Lupita or Harvey's!

Saturday, May 2

Opening: Great Falls Farmers Market!

Peskeompskut Park, 9am-1pm

SNAP/HIP are accepted and welcome. Kicking off the season with a growing lineup of vendors bringing everything from meat to crafts to veggie starts. With Special guests from the Western Massachusetts Gardener Association. Get your garden soil tested or ask advice from 10am- Noon. Plus a free drop-in all-ages planting activity with seeds, planting pots to decorate (or not), and more!

Saturday, May 2

Used Book Sale

Carnegie Library, 10am-1pm

Free Comic Book Day 2-4pm. Pick up free comics, and explore new stories, characters, and styles of storytelling. Choose from, including kid-friendly, teen, and adult selections.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1272490494351150>

Saturday, May 2

Montague Makers Market

Lady Killigrew Café

440 Greenfield Rd., Montague Center, 10am-2pm.

Handcrafted goods by local creators. Featured artists from Madhouse Multi-Arts and Sawmill River Arts Collective.

Saturday, May 2

MOUNTAIN LIONS

With O Ksenos

Common Hall, Montague Center

Balkan Music And dance workshop 4-6pm. Concert 7pm. Ecstatic, immersive Balkan/Roma-inspired dance music featuring percussionist Matt Moran (Slavic Soul Party) and saxophonists Peter Hess, Catherine Foster, Daro Behroozi O Ksenos (Montague) -- Traditional Greek folk music and rembetika with Rafe Wolman (violin) Clarissa Lyons (clarinet) Heather Kuhn (vocals) and Jesse Bay (strings, vocals, percussion). Pay what you can. Tickets to the workshop and concert: <https://www.weathervane-arts.org/events>

Saturday, May 2

READINGS:

Unnameable Books, 6:30pm

zach peckhan, nora claire miller, kelly claire, ben pease and ian fishman.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DXcc2UNAbKl/>

Saturday May 2

[Antenna Cloud Farm Presents: Emily Wells and Friends](#)

The Shea Theater, 7:30pm (7pm doors), \$0-20

A special evening of live performance featuring renowned vocalist, composer, and video artist Emily Wells (vocals, keys, violin, synths, drums), along with musical guests including Hannah Berube (clarinet), Kirin McElwain (cello), Che Ali (violin & Ei alumni), Philip McGinty (viola & Ei alumni), and Michi Wiancko (violin & ACF director). Wells has toured extensively throughout the world, including performances at Lincoln Center, the Guggenheim Museum, and the National Gallery of Art. She has released six critically acclaimed albums, including her latest release *Regards to the End*, which explores the AIDS crisis, climate change, and her lived experience watching the world burn. A work of radical empathy, *Regards to the End* foregrounds the power of art, critique, and care to connect and perhaps redeem us.

Saturday, May 2

Love & Rage

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St

A Night of Electronic Music, 9:30pm

Sunday, May 3

May Day

Montague Center Common

10:30ish. Spring fertility ritual. Traditional music and dancing around the Maypole.

Sunday, May 3

Absence | Presence: A memorial and fundraiser in honor of Natalie Dansie Graves

Shea Theater, 4:30-6:30pm

A memorial event for Nat Graves, a beloved member of the creative community of Western Mass. Nat moved to Easthampton, MA in 2022 with their spouse, Taylor, where they immediately immersed themselves in many of the vibrant arts communities across the Valley. Nat was a doer and a maker, the kind of person who was just as comfortable building a set or filming a performance as they were stepping into the spotlight. Through uplifting other artists, offering encouragement, support, and organizational skills to many people and projects, Nat became inseparable from the artistic communities that they fostered. Nat was a founding participant in Stomping Grounds Dance Festival (Northampton, MA), A HAPPENING (Great Falls, MA), and Dances in the Orchard (Easthampton, MA), and they also served on the board of the Northampton Community Arts Trust. Nat's death leaves a huge hole in our hearts, our community, and our arts ecosystem. While there are no words to capture our grief, we will hold it collectively and keep making weird, wild, and wonderful art together. Videos and installations of Nat's artistic contributions will be viewable and interactive in the lobbies of the Shea Theater before a memorial service featuring music from Cloudbelly. Donations may be made in Nat's honor in support of 33 Hawley, a project of the Northampton Community Arts Trust.

